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SUBJECT: NABLUS CURFEW ENTERS SIXTH DAY

REF: TEL AVIV 5630

1. CURFEW IMPOSED ON NABLUS BY MILGOV FOLLOWING
BOMBING OF TOURIST BUS APRIL 26 (REFTEL) ENTERED
ITS SIXTH DAY MAY 1. IBRAHIM ABDULHADI, MEMBER OF
THE NABLUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WAS AMONG THOSE
MERCHANTS AND ELDERS WHO MET WITH MILGOV MAY 1 TO
DISCUSS LIFTING OF CURFEW. ACCORDING TO ABDULHADI,
CURFEW HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
TODAY. HE BELIEVES MILGOV WILL EXTEND PERIOD OF
RELAXATION PROGRESSIVELY UNTIL THE SITUATION IS
RETURNED TO NORMAL.

2. ACCORDING TO OTHER NABLUSIS, CURFEW NEVER COVERED
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THE ENTIRE CITY, RATHER THE CASBAH AND THE CENTRAL ROTARY
WHERE THE ATTACK OCCURRED. PERHAPS AS TROUBLESOME AS
THE CURFEW ITSELF HAS BEEN THE CLOSING OF THE DAMIYA
BRIDGE TO JORDAN FOR NABLUS PRODUCE TRUCKS AND RESIDENTS
OF NABLUS AND JENIN.

3. SO FAR, THERE HAVE BEEN FEW REPORTS OF ISRAELI

EXCESSIVE FORCE IN CONDUCTING THE CURFEW. ACCORDING TO THE ARABIC PRESS, IDF COORDINATOR FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, GENERAL ORLY, AND WEST BANK MILGOV BRIG. GENERAL HAGOEL HAVE TAKEN A PERSONAL HAND IN THE OPERATION. THE MAYOR HAS PROTESTED ALLEGED BAD TREATMENT OF SOME MUNICIPAL WORKERS WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN PASSES SO THEY COULD MAINTAIN VITAL SERVICES. OTHERWISE, ONLY PROTESTS HAVE COME FROM OTHER MAYORS ON PRINCIPLE TO INDICATE SOLIDARITY.

4. THE ISRAELIS HAVE YET TO ANNOUNCE DEFINITELY THE CAPTURE OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE APRIL 26 INCIDENT. THE ARABIC PRESS REPORTS ABOUT 40 PERSONS ARE BEING HELD FOR INVESTIGATION.

5. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM THE LEVEL OF THE BRASS REPORTEDLY INVOLVED, IT SEEMS THE ISRAELIS ARE TAKING CARE IN THE CONDUCT OF THE CURFEW. ALSO APPARENT IS THEIR DETERMINATION TO BY-PASS THE CITY COUNCIL AND DEAL WITH THE MORE DOCILE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ELDERS. NEWLIN

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